

by this body, so...and they may all eventually end up not even getting across the board and on the Governor's desk. And at least in this package we might be able to address an issue which I think is very important, that's state aid. And I don't know what is going to happen with these other three bills, but this one I think Senator Warner has an idea that this is one way in which I think we might be able to assist the local school districts in providing some type of relief. I don't think the \$25 million is going to effectively bring about a substantial relief to the school district patrons, but I think it is an idea that is worth considering. And I know there are some...this puts us all in an uneasy and maybe a compromising position, but I do think that it is something we should consider. And I would assume that of those three bills I can't even tell you which one is going to get passed by this body yet, but I think we should start making commitments. We have only got 15 days left, it's my understanding, and we have got to do something. I hope this body will make some attempt to do something in this area of state aid and I am going to vote for the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, it amazes me how much interest there is in state aid to education this year when I have had to pull teeth in the past to even get people to talk about it. I am not going to object to the amendment to 1126 at all. I recall the Appropriations Committee last year and a few other years when they would have what they called the "Trailer Bill" and I guess I would consider this to be a "Trailer Bill" to 341A. As Senator Warner indicated, 341 sets up...the bill itself sets up a mechanism, a mechanism that this body could follow in future years to provide state aid to the schools of this state. 341A is the one that we adopted the other day that said we are going to fund that mechanism up to \$50 million. Now if we put \$25 million in this bill, then whether 341A is reduced or even in the end perhaps not even passed, which obviously I would hope wouldn't happen, we would have at least a vehicle in an A bill and from the Appropriations Committee making a commitment to state aid to education. I